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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

George Dean Hone

Serial No.: 09/711,129

Filed: November 10, 2000

For: PASSENGER LOADING BRIDGE

Examiner: Unknown

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Sir:

Please revise the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims are presented below in format for publication. Claims 8-11 renumbered as Claims 7-10 have been amended. Please enter these claims as amended. Attached is Appendix A, which contains a marked-up version of the claims as revised.

1. In a boarding bridge adapted for facilitating passage between an aircraft terminal and a docked aircraft, a passageway comprising:
a floor element;